VOX SESSION • FALL 2026

Presidents' Association Meeting

October 1st, 2026 at 4 PM

Prepared for the Dartmouth Presidents Association

Topic 01

VOX In-Person Updates

VOX

VOLUNTEER OFFICER EXPERIENCE

- **Who:**
  - VOX 2027 is for our Class officers; attendees will be class volunteers who are nominated/selected by each Class President
  - Classes who have completed their Annual Report can send three (3) volunteers and add an additional three (3) onto the waitlist for a maximum of six (6) attendees
- **What:**
  - Join fellow volunteers on campus for VOX, where practical training meets the chance to reconnect with old friends, build new connections across classes, and rediscover the Dartmouth moments that make this community—and this work—matter.
- **Where and When:**
  - March 12 and 13, Hanover

VOX

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- **Cost:**
  - $50 registration fee per person for attendees ($25 for Classes of 2016–2026); covers all materials and meals during the conference
  - Attendees are responsible for hotel, travel, and meals outside the conference
    - *Dartmouth has blocks at area hotels; booking information will be provided during registration*
- **Registration:**
  - Registration will open later this fall



- **Schedule:**
  - Schedule will be announced with registration, but we anticipate opening the conference early afternoon on March 12 and concluding late afternoon on March 13
- **Programming Highlights:**
  - A campus update from Dartmouth Leadership
  - In-person association meetings
  - Lecture from Dartmouth Faculty
  - Time to explore new and refurbished campus spaces
  - Drop-in hours with Alumni Relations staff for assistance with Dartmouth tools (i.e. Encompass, Quickbase, etc.)
  - Connections with fellow volunteers
  - Class Acts
  - Young Alumni-specific programming

Topic 02

DCF Head Agents and President Survey

What are the initial findings

Topic 03

Young Alumni Engagement

Strategies from and for classes within ~15 years of graduation

WHERE THIS COMES FROM

Annual Report: About the Data

Every Dartmouth class completes a standardized Class Annual Report each year, covering leadership, membership, communications, programming, and reunions. We read all 55 available FY26 reports — a nearly unbroken run from the Class of 1951 to the Class of 2023 — to find real patterns instead of anecdotes.

55

class annual reports reviewed

72

years of classes represented (1951–2023)

5

report sections coded: leadership, membership, communications, programs, reunions

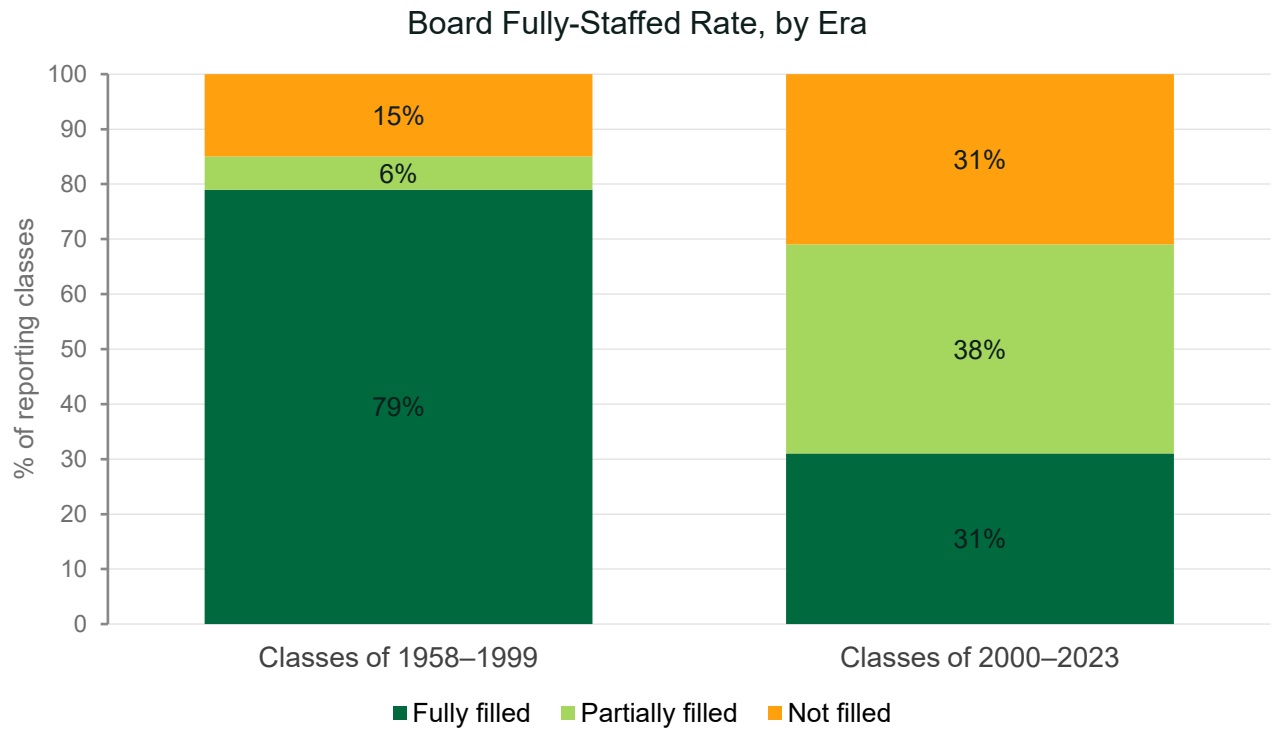
A note on precision:

Reports are free-text volunteer submissions, not a controlled survey. Figures in this deck (e.g., board fill-rates) are directional signals drawn from consistent patterns across classes, not precise statistics — treat them as a conversation-starter, not a scoreboard.

THE HEADLINE PATTERN

Newer Classes Are Struggling to Fully Staff Their Boards

Across FY26 reports, classes graduated before 2000 report a fully-staffed leadership board far more often than classes from 2000 onward.



WHY IT MATTERS

Roughly 1 in 3 classes from 2000 onward report an open or unresponsive board seat — vs. about 1 in 7 of the pre-2000 classes. As classes near VOX 2026 skew younger, that gap becomes the volunteer pipeline problem the whole system depends on.

"Mostly [filled] but not responsive." — Young Alum Class President

"We need to recruit a president still and have had little luck." — Young Alum Class President

THE FRICTION POINT

The Roles Younger Alumni Need Most Are the Hardest to Fill

Younger classes say they want to reach classmates digitally — but the volunteer roles that make that possible are consistently the ones left vacant.

COMMUNICATIONS ROLES · CLASS OF 2018

"The social media manager position was difficult to fill."

"Roles without a clear owner (like newsletter editor) have been particularly challenging to fill and maintain."

SOCIAL MEDIA & MINI-REUNION CHAIRS · CLASS OF 2004

"We continue to struggle finding a Social Media Chair or a Mini-Reunion Chair."

WEBMASTER / TECH LEAD · CLASS OF 2023

"Anything Encompass... has fallen on President mostly, who is not so tech savvy."



BRIGHT SPOTS

What Young-Class Reports Say Is Actually Working

Keep it small and frequent

The Class of 2018 runs 2–3 low-key mini-reunions a year (NYC, Boston) instead of one big annual event — and deliberately keeps costs low "to ensure accessibility and inclusivity."

Meet them on the apps they already use

2018 coordinates through Partiful and Instagram rather than Encompass alone; 2023 uses a standing Google Form embedded in every email to keep updates flowing both ways.

Let reunion momentum do the recruiting

The Class of 2010 used a strong reunion turnout to "recruit some new volunteers and resume programming after a dead period" — reunion as an on-ramp, not just an event.

Re-engage around a milestone, not a mandate

The Class of 2009 relaunched its executive committee at the ~15-year mark, explicitly framing it as "a great time to re-engage as a class and drive forward lasting impact."

LET'S TALK

Open Forum/Q&A